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## Eli Perkins Comes Back

Well, I rested till somebody accused me of being dead and got my dander up. You know the world is built on the plan of one hour's work and two for rest and sleep. The bear crawls off in a hollow log and rests all winter, the frog goes under the walk and don't come out till the second Sunday in next May, when he meets his comrades down at the pool and sing: "The year Jubilee has come, Return ye ransomed sinners home."

And this idea of rest runs on into nature's realm and jumps on the forest trees and they take a few months off, the grass curls up and dies at the first touch of frost—and so it goes on down the line. God made REST—the biggest word in the languages—for when he had worked six days building the world he called off Saturday night for a day of rest. So if everything and everybody has to have rest, you can easily see that a literary man must come in for his share. For the encouragement of those who haven't much mind, I will say they need not lose much time in resting. Sometimes there is a blessing in even being ignorant.

Well, we all hope some day to get where "the world, the flesh and the devil" can't bother. Here you can't get three ideas in a row and lay all your plans ahead but what somebody or something gets in your way and you have to drive round or run over them. I would be for moving out right away, but I've got some unfinished business here that nobody can't attend to but me.

Well, I wanted to see if the world would miss me—and you see how things have got mixed up: War in the old countries and now Mexico needs spanking. President Wilson is mighty busy steering the ship of state, so as to miss all the breakers. It takes a strong arm, a steady nerve and a head full of brains to keep from rocking the boat and spoiling the whole thing. When the war began in Europe, I was called upon to express my opinion. Having spent four years in helping run a war, I thought I knew all about it, so I put my chaw of tobacco in tother side, rolled my eyes round like a dying calf, gazed off into the mysterious future, raised my voice and proceeded to prophecy thusly:

"In these days cometh Eli Perkins, being an old soldier and full of war wisdom, who proceedeth to tell all about what's going to be the outcome of the European war: These nations are so well prepared for war and so thickly settled that it will be over in four months."

So you see I haven't missed it but 18 months so far—and they are just getting started.

Well, I took down my sign as a war prophet and proceeded to reconstruct all my ideas that had been gained by actual experience on that subject.

I had been reading for some years of The Hague Conference where nations would meet, talk over their differences and settle like gentlemen, go home, turn loose their standing armies, beat their cannon into plow shares and small arms into pruning hooks, tie up the Devil for a thousand years and proceed to have a good time. But alas for all these dreams. The German Emperor wanted to cross Belgium to settle a little difficulty with

Servia. Belgium objected and Germany tore the little Kingdom all to pieces and that made all Europe mad, and without any well-settled reason for going to war they dropped in one by one and now the most gigantic war the world has ever known is on. Millions of men and billions of dollars are being spent and "the cry of the widow and orphan is heard in the land." Where will it end? (Echo answers where.) I have concluded that man, instead of being peaceable and sensible, trying to follow out Christ's teachings and the Golden Rule, is still a fool after all these centuries of experience, and nothing but spilling his blood will satisfy his thirst for power, so you see that I am compelled to get back in the ring again.

We will work it out by the single rule of three. If things have gotten so bad as they are while I was taking a little rest, what would they be if I was dead? I leave it to your imagination.

ELI PERKINS.

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## SAFE FARMING RULES

Recommendations Made by Department of Agriculture.

Measures Will Steady Whole System and Be of Benefit to Both Individual and Community—Cotton Comes in at End.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Six measures for safe farming in the South are recommended by the United States department of agriculture in a recent circular. No matter what the price of cotton may be it is said, these measures will steady the whole system and be of benefit both to the individual and the community. The program recommended is as follows:

First. Produce a home garden for every family on the farm, the year round, paying special attention to a plot of Irish or sweet potatoes. Where feasible, have a patch of sorghum or other cane to produce sirup for the family.

Second. Produce the corn necessary to support all of the people on the farm and the live stock, with absolute safety.

Third. Produce the necessary oats and other small grain to supplement the corn as food. Pay attention to winter grazing.

Fourth. Produce hay and forage from some forage crop, sufficient to supply all of the live stock on the farm. Use legumes such as clover, cowpeas, velvet beans, soy beans and alfalfa for the production of hay and to enrich the soil with nitrogen and humus.

Fifth. Produce the meat necessary to supply the people through increased attention to poultry and hogs, especially. Plan to increase gradually the number of cattle and other live stock so as to have a sufficient number to consume the waste products of the farm and make the waste lands productive.

Sixth. After all of these things have been amply provided for, produce cotton for the market.

Wonderful Feed for Hogs. Alfalfa is a wonderful feed for hogs when fed in combination with some grain. Alfalfa alone as a hog feed does not give good results except perhaps for mature sows as they run on pasture after weaning the pigs. To get good gains on growing pigs in an alfalfa pasture, they should be fed from one and a half to two pounds of grain for every hundred-weight of live hog, corn being ideal for this purpose.

Supply of Nitrogen. Nitrogen is the most expensive ingredient of fertilizers. It is believed that the cheapest means of supplying it is by growing clover and plowing it under green, or by feeding the stock and returning the manure.

## School Commencement

The Okolona High School Commencement was held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights. We had the play "Dan Cupid," which was participated in by quite a number of the pupils, that acted their parts well. It took place in the school auditorium, where they had a full house and appreciative audience and where all did well. We cannot afford to give special mention to any.

Thursday evening the graduating exercises of the Grammar School took place. The welcome address was delivered by Miss Mamie Howard Houston, and the Valedictory by Douglas Deavenport. The play that followed kept the interest of the audience from start to finish.

The presentation of certificates was by Prof. Cox, in which he took occasion to deliver some plain, practical advice to those who received them and will do good in fighting the battle of life successfully.

Friday evening was devoted to the graduating class of the high school.

The Salutatory was delivered by Miss Berneice Moss, and made quite a good impression on the immense audience. The Class History by Miss Sadie Alice Davis was a gem of its kind, and provoked great applause as she took each member of the class of 15 and fixed their places in the future of the world. An oration by Dale Henson on the future growth of the U. S. was very instructive and well delivered. Then came the Valedictory by Tom Owen Betts, in which he reviewed the class' long hard pull to reach that good hour, and asked that each be as diligent in the future as in the past to make the world better for their having lived in it.

Then came the address of the evening by Prof. Pate of the A. & M. College. It was interesting, instructive and intensely practical, running over with good suggestions to the class that henceforth must sustain a new and untried relation to the world. He has studied human nature and knows his lesson well.

The presentation of diplomas by Hon. A. T. Stovall, Chairman of the School Board, once a pupil of the school, now making good in the battle of life.

Then Prof. Cox presented the Scholarship medals: LaNier Club medal, 8th grade, J. S. McDonnell; LaNier Club medal, 9th grade, Adlai Lyles; Droke Jewelry Co. medal, 10th grade, Jas. McCool; Inter-State Trust and Banking Co. medal, 11th grade, Miss Berneice Moss.

The Class Song, the farewell song, and the record of school for 1915-16 was a closed chapter.

J. M. H.

## Malaria too Prevalent.

During the past decade, malaria has decreased throughout the State. It is, however, too prevalent now as shown by the data in the office of the State Board of health. Malaria, or chills and fever is not usually a fatal disease. It is the chief cause of inefficiency among our people. There is no reason why malaria should not be eradicated from Mississippi. It is a question of observing certain precaution and following definite treatment in the eradication of the disease. Just as soon as the people apply these measures the disease will fast disappear.

We are just beginning an important season from malarial standpoint. It is a fact that the mosquito does not carry the germ of malaria from one season during the winter to another. It has been found the malarial organisms cannot live in the body of the mosquito when the temperature is below 65 degrees. It is, therefore, carried from one season to another by means of human host, or in the blood of man. The malaria that occurs this season will be due to the mosquito becoming infected by biting people who have the malaria germs in their blood.

The examination of blood by the State Board of Health field directors in Bolivar County show that about 20 per cent of the persons examined have the germs in their blood. It is clear that the mosquito this season will have no difficulty in finding sources of infection.

Persons who carry malaria germs in their blood from month to month and from season to season, in many instances, show no symptoms of the disease. However, there are those who show evidence of physical depletion, while others are made sick. The person who harbors the malaria parasite in his blood is termed a "malaria carrier". These individuals are potent factors in the disease. It shows plainly that the important thing in eradicating malaria from a community, county or state is to cure all the people who have the disease. It is frequently not the fault of the physician that the person is not cured. On the contrary, it is often the case that when people are told to take quinine a certain length of time they quit just as soon as the chills and fever disappear, thinking they are well, although it is found later that the disease reappears. There is no reason why every person should not be cured of malaria. Quinine is specific if taken in sufficient quantities and for the right length of time. It is usually necessary to take it several weeks before a cure is effected. Remember that in order to eradicate this disease, the people should be cured, and you should follow the directions of your physician in order to protect yourself and your community.

W. S. Leathers, M. D.

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## Explanation Enough.

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